

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED OCTOBER 18, 2006 SUBMITTED WITH RCE

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action dated October 18, 2006, applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments as set forth below.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.